(c) what action is being contemplated on the findings of the report?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) The National Human Rights Commission has submitted its Annual Report for the year 1996-97 which is under examination for being laid on the Table of both Houses of Parliament alongwith an Action Taken Memorandum.

Handling of heinous offences by Delhi Police

50. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the criticism made by a Delhi court on the Delhi Police for their casual approach in handling heinous offences which had enabled the real culprits to go scot-free; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) There have been some instances where the Courts commented adversely upon the manner in which investigations were conducted by the police officials. In all such cases, Delhi police take appropriate action against the erring police officials, if any.

Change of Police Commissioner

51. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' New Delhi dated the 12th April, 1998 under the capion "Police Commissioner to be changed" CM: Cops raps Sahib for irresponsible remarks;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the action taken by Government so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) The Government has seen the news-item in question. The transfers are made in the exigencies of service and not on personal considerations.

Cheating of foreign tourists by touts

52. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that foreign tourists visiting India are being cheated and robbed of cash and valuables and foreign female tourists are often being abducted and molested and raped by anti-social elements operating at the airports and railway stations as touts;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard for the last three years; and

(c) whether Government propose to bring forward a legislation prescribing deterrent punishment for such touts and anti-socials who bring bad name to the country and affect the tourism industry of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) 'Police and Public Order' being state subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of the crime is essentially the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government does not maintain separate statistics in regard to individual incidents of crime committed against foreign tourists. It is felt that more rigorous enforcement of the existing laws can deal with the problems of touts and anti-social elements effectively.